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Dranesville Dispatch

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Dranesville District Supervisor

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Dear Dranesville Resident,

Welcome to the February 2011 issue of the Dranesville Dispatch. I hope your year is off to a great start.

Since last year's snow storms, I have worked closely with the community and VDOT to identify and address many significant problems with snow removal. This issue of the Dispatch includes a section that addresses "Frequently Asked Questions" about snow removal in Dranesville and Fairfax County.

There are many big challenges facing the County as we move into the new year. Over the past three years, as we dealt with the Great Recession, I have worked with the community to ensure that our budgets reflect community priorities. As Vice Chairman of the Board's Budget Committee, my emphasis continues to be on reducing costs, improving efficiencies, and adequately funding essential services like schools, human services and public safety, while holding the line on property taxes. As Chairman of the Board's Audit Committee, I will continue to work with the Auditor to improve the cost effective operation of the County and to monitor and evaluate the budget and schedule for the Dulles Rail project.

Implementing the newly adopted Tysons Corner Comprehensive Plan will be another focus of my efforts in 2011. I am working to ensure that additional development in Tysons Corner is phased so that the necessary infrastructure, including roads, transit, schools, parks, athletic facilities and other public facilities, is in place as new development is constructed. Many of you have expressed concern that there will be inadequate commuter parking at the Metro stops in Tysons. At my request, the Board has directed staff to find public parking options around one or more of the future Tysons Metrorail stations so residents from surrounding communities will be able to use the Metrorail when it opens in 2013.

As the new year begins, my staff and I will continue to work to mitigate the impact of the Dulles Rail and the HOT Lanes construction on surrounding communities. At my request, the Board authorized a study of approximately 19 intersections around Tysons Corner to determine what improvements were needed to handle current and anticipated traffic. Implementation of those improvements was included as a transportation priority in the Tysons Corner Plan and planning will soon begin on several of these needed improvements.

During my first three years in office, I have obtained funding approval for numerous trail and sidewalk projects and in 2011 I will be focused on seeing them constructed. In addition, I am working with the Town of Herndon to prepare for the coming of Dulles Rail to Herndon and I will continue to work on several community improvement projects in Great Falls and the revitalization of downtown McLean.

I look forward to another busy and productive year in Dranesville. This year and always, my staff and I will strive to provide you with excellent constituent services and to seek your input and assistance on matters that impact your communities. Please help us do that by keeping us informed of your concerns.

Best wishes,

John W. Foust

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Attention Homeowner Associations:

If you are interested in having Supervisor Foust attend your Homeowner Association or Civic Organization meeting, please contact the Supervisor's scheduler, Dianne Peikin, at 703-356-0551.

Please provide us with the latest contact information for your Association Officers so that we may keep you better informed of events in Dranesville that may impact you and your neighborhood.

Call (703) 356-0551 or email Julie Ide at Julie.Ide@fairfaxcounty.gov with your latest information.

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Who's Who at Dranesville District Offices

For a more detailed list of staff assignments, visit our website at
http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville/staff_assignments_by_subject_new.htm.

Herndon Office

Our office in the Town of Herndon is dedicated to serving constituents in the western-most part of Dranesville. Staff Aide, **Jennifer Boysko**, is available specifically to assist Herndon area constituents.

Office Hours: M-W-Th-F: 9 am to 12 pm
Tuesday: 12 pm to 3 pm
Or by appointment

Email: Jennifer.Boysko@fairfaxcounty.gov

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730 Elden St.
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Once again, the Budget season is upon us. Last October, the Board of Supervisors and the School Board held a joint meeting and heard budget forecasts from our respective staffs. We were told that the financial situation for our County is improving, but that we still have difficult budget years ahead of us.

Some reasons for uncertainty:

- Government stimulus efforts are ending.
- Problems with the foreclosure process may stall the housing recovery.
- Foreclosures in the County are down from their highs but are rising again, and delinquencies on mortgages are rising.
- Recovery is dependent on consumer spending growth which, in turn is dependent on job creation.
- Projections currently show that modest economic growth through 2011 will restrain job creation.
- Residential and commercial property markets are improving but not significantly.

On the revenue side, the County's primary funding source is real estate taxes. After 5 years of decreases, we are projecting that residential property values will increase slightly. We expect that non-residential property values will be down slightly, the 3rd successive year of decline. Actual assessment changes will be known when the County Executive releases the Advertised Budget on February 22.

Based on preliminary projections from October, if tax rates are unchanged, the County is projecting about a 2.4% (\$78.3 million) increase in revenues. That would mean, however, that the average residential property tax bill would be increased, and when so many residents are experiencing their own financial challenges, I doubt whether the public or the Board would find that acceptable.

On the spending side, even if the County freezes all spending in FY2012 at FY2011 levels except for those increases we must fund such as increases to health insurance costs and debt service, we face a budget shortfall of \$54.5 million (again, based on projections from October). That assumes no compensation increases for County or School employees for the 3rd consecutive year and no adjustments to existing budgets for population increases and inflation. It also assumes no increase in the amount the County transfers to the Schools, which was \$1.6 billion in FY2011.

Once again, I have convened the Dranesville Budget Task Force, consisting of knowledgeable members of the community who assist me in examining the County budget and recommend areas for cost savings.

The Board must balance its budget, and as in previous years, I will continue to pursue the right balance between meeting the demands for essential services and protecting the taxpayers in this very difficult time.

FY2012 Budget Timeline:

- January 6, Fairfax Public School Superintendent released proposed budget
- February 22, County Executive Anthony H. Griffin presents proposed FY 2012 Advertised Budget Plan to the Board of Supervisors
- Tuesday, March 29, Board Meeting 6:00 PM, Budget Public Hearing
- Wednesday, March 30 – 3:00 PM, Budget Public Hearing
- Thursday, March 31 – 3:00 PM, Budget Public Hearing
- Tuesday, April 12, Budget Mark-Up by Board of Supervisors
- Tuesday, April 26, Budget Adoption by Board of Supervisors
- Thursday, May 26, School Board adopts budget

Supervisor Foust to Conduct Three Town Hall Meetings on Budget

Dranesville Supervisor John Foust has scheduled three town hall meetings in March to give the public an opportunity to learn about and discuss the proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Budget for Fairfax County. County Management and Budget staff will be present to make a summary presentation of the budget and answer questions at three meetings:

March 16 at 7:00 pm

Herndon Town Council Chambers
765 Lynn Street
Herndon, VA 20170

March 23 at 7:00 pm

McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Avenue
McLean, VA

March 24 at 7:00 pm

Great Falls Library
8930 Georgetown Pike
Great Falls, VA 22066

For more information on these public meetings contact Jane Edmondson in Supervisor Foust's office at 703-356-0551, TTY 711 or email Dranesville@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Fairfax County News

County Considers Options for Waste-to-Energy Plan

Over the past several months, County staff has been negotiating with Covanta Fairfax, Inc., the operator of the I-95 Waste-to-Energy Facility, also known as the Lorton Incinerator, to explore options presented by the expiration of the long-term contract between Fairfax County and Covanta.

The three options for future use of the facility are: allow the contract to expire and the market to determine the cost and availability of use; negotiate a new long-term contract similar to the current contract that includes price and capacity stipulations; and, purchase the facility and contract with Covanta to operate it. Negotiating a long-term contract will require the County and Covanta to come to agreement on the terms of the deal which, so far, they have not been able to do. Purchasing the facility would require the County to exercise its purchase option under the existing contract. The purchase price would be paid by issuing revenue bonds that would be repaid by the tipping fees at the facility. Staff is recommending the third option, that the County purchase the facility.

This is a very complex issue. To provide stakeholders with an opportunity to learn about the details of the proposal and be afforded an opportunity to ask questions and have their perspectives heard, the Board directed staff to arrange for a number of community meetings. Those meetings allowed the public who attended to learn the benefits and drawbacks of each of the three options. The County has also published information about the issue on its website. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/waste-to-energy.htm>.

The community outreach process will also include a formal **public hearing before the full Board at 4:30 pm on February 22**. Any member of the community who wants to be heard on this important issue is encouraged to sign up to speak at the public hearing by registering in advance with the Office of the Clerk to the Board on the website at https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker_bos.htm or at 703-324-3151, TTY 703-324-3903.

Frequently Answered Questions

The snow season is upon us once again. Based upon the questions we regularly receive at the Dranesville Office, there is clearly a need for specific information on how to “weather the storms.”

Below are answers to some commonly asked questions we receive in our office or that we feel may be of interest to the community. The answers are from sources in the Virginia Department of Transportation, Fairfax County Department of Transportation and Fairfax County Department of Public Works.

What is the difference between winter advisories, watches and warnings?

A winter storm watch means severe winter conditions, such as heavy snow or ice, are possible in the next 1-2 days. A winter storm warning means severe weather conditions can be expected in the next 24 hours or less. An advisory means weather conditions are causing difficulty and might be dangerous.

How have VDOT's policies and procedures changed since last year?

This year, VDOT has a statewide snow removal budget of \$115.1 million, a \$21.4 million increase over last year. The Commonwealth spent \$266.8 million on snow operations during the extraordinary winter of 2009-2010.



VDOT has an enhanced customer service center at 1-800-367-ROAD or 7623 or novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov. You will be able to talk to an actual person.

Residents asked for quicker response time from VDOT's plowers. To get a jump start on the snow, there will be more snow removal vehicles mobilized earlier when reliable weather forecasts say a significant weather event is highly likely. Because there will be more of this pre-staging equipment this year, residents need to know that the idling truck you see is there for a purpose.

You may notice white lines on our roadways before possible snow events. When snow or ice is forecast, crews will pre-treat trouble spots on interstates and other high-volume roads like Rt. 123 with anti-icing chemicals including salt brine, magnesium-chloride and calcium-chloride. These chemicals help prepare the pavement and prevent a bond from forming between the roadway and snow and ice.

Last year, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William Counties had more than 1,800 pieces of equipment, mostly contractors to VDOT. This year Fairfax County alone has more than 1,800. VDOT has added nearly 600 more trucks to help Fairfax County's plowing response times. Their goal is to have at least one truck assigned to a subdivision from the onset of a major event. More may become available as higher priority roads are completed.

VDOT is providing complete training for the contractors they use for plowing, rather than asking contractors to voluntarily train themselves.

VDOT has added more “eyes on the road”. There are more monitors to help supervise their hired equipment and contractors both on the main roads and many subdivisions. There is now increased communication with plowers, including electronic monitoring of snow removal vehicles to allow for more accurate status reporting to residents. Neighborhoods reported to be cleared are confirmed by monitors. Plowers that say they are done when they aren't are not rehired for future storms.

Who is responsible for plowing or treating my road?

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is responsible for snow removal for all but a few roads in Fairfax County. The remaining roads are either owned and maintained by Fairfax County or are privately owned and main-

tained. The few miles of road owned by Fairfax County are identified by blue signs that say, "Fairfax County Maintained Here to XXX feet."

If your street is not identified with a route number sign, it is most likely privately maintained. Snow removal on privately maintained roads is the responsibility of the property owners along the road or the homeowner association. If a street in a **townhouse or condominium complex** is not posted with a state route number, it is probably a private street that is the responsibility of the homeowner/condominium association to plow. Please contact your association or property manager for further information. **Pipe-stem driveways** are privately owned and maintained by the property owners on the pipe-stem. Snow removal is the property owners' responsibility.

If your street is in a **new development or a development still under construction** and if a state route number is not posted on the new street, then most likely it is either a privately maintained street, or a future public road. Such a road is secured through a development agreement and security that is held by Fairfax County, commonly referred to as being "under bond." In this case, the developer of the project is responsible for maintaining all aspects of the project until final bond release occurs, including street maintenance, snow removal and maintenance of stormwater facilities. For information regarding snow and ice removal on a street or a subdivision under bond, contact the Environmental and Facilities Inspections Division at 703-324-1950, TTY 711.

How much plowing or road treatment can I expect my road to get:

It depends on if the amount of snow the storm produces is less or more than 2 inches. When the storm is small (less than 2 inches) VDOT only treats (with sand) the hotspots within the community. Mostly these are hills, major curves or intersections. VDOT staff has identified these areas and treats them accordingly. When there are 2 inches of snow or more, you will see a truck assigned to your subdivision and more to come once other priorities are finished. VDOT has visited each subdivision in Fairfax and rated each one based on size, difficulty, and the numbers of difficult areas within the subdivision. They also take into consideration schools and other community essentials when rating the subdivision.



Unlike last year, when plowers cleared only a single lane width on a road, this year VDOT will plow curb to curb when cars do not block them from doing so. VDOT would prefer this to plowing one lane and having to return later to finish the job.

How Does VDOT Define a "Passable Road"?

A VDOT Transportation Operations Manager provided the following definition of a "passable road": "If you have a two-wheel drive vehicle, you can pull it out of your driveway and get it to a main route without slipping and without danger. That is passable."

How long should I wait for my road to be cleared?

VDOT's goal is to have all roads passable within 48 hours after the storm ends. Crews begin by clearing interstates, primary roads and major secondary roads that connect localities, fire stations, employment hubs, military posts, schools, hospitals and other important public facilities. Secondary roads and subdivision streets will be treated if multi-day storms hit the Commonwealth, but crews will focus efforts on those roads that carry the most traffic.

VDOT advises that they do not process subdivision complaints until they have determined that a subdivision is 90% complete. Depending upon the snow fall this could take up to 48 hours.

During major events, heavy equipment is called in and the process slows down drastically. This equipment does not move snow and ice as fast. Please be patient.

Who should I call if my road is not treated within a reasonable amount of time?

Ideally, VDOT would like to hear from a central point of contact for your neighborhood, rather than receiving a call from each household on a street. It would save time and effort if you have a Homeowners Association and are able to use it as a collection point for your complaints. Individuals may contact the VDOT help line at 1-800-FOR-ROAD (1-800-367-7623, TTY 711) with your concerns or you may contact Supervisor Foust's office at 703-356-0551 (TTY 711) to relay your concerns to VDOT. For snow removal on Fairfax County owned roads please contact the Fairfax County Maintenance & Stormwater Management Division at 703-877-2800, TTY 711, or Supervisor Foust's office at 703-356-0551, TTY 711.

What are the parking regulations during and after a storm?

Remove your vehicles from the street if possible. If not, it is best if a community or homeowners association can organize designated parking on either the even or odd side of the road to allow more effective plowing.

What if I have to drive?

VDOT recommends you not drive during or immediately after a snow storm, to give them complete access to the roads. Also, driving packs the snow down and packed snow and ice is much harder to remove. If you stay indoors, it helps VDOT get the main streets and secondary roads completed more quickly so they can move into your subdivision.



If you must drive, please consider the following:

- Slow down for wet, snowy and icy conditions.
- Buckle up every time you drive.
- Avoid using cruise control in winter weather conditions.
- Keep a safe distance behind other vehicles and trucks that are plowing the road.
- Do not pass a snowplow or spreader unless it is absolutely necessary. Treat these as you would emergency response vehicles.
- Keep an emergency winter driving kit (including water, blankets and a small shovel) in your car.
- Be aware that most traffic accidents occur within the first two hours after a storm has started. It is best to stay off the road and give the snowplows time and space to work.
- It is also best to wait until daylight hours before beginning a trip so that sunlight has a chance to warm the roads and help snowplow operations.
- Find out about road conditions before you go by calling 511 or visiting www.511Virginia.org.

Who is responsible for clearing snow from the sidewalks in my neighborhood?

Neither the State nor the County clear snow and ice from public walkways (sidewalks and trails). While not legally obligated, residents and businesses are asked to help keep sidewalks safe. They should, as soon as feasible, clear snow off the sidewalks in front of their property so that all pedestrians, especially school children, those with disabilities and the elderly, may walk securely. Homeowner associations may require members of their communities to clear walkways abutting their property. Please contact your association or property manager for further information.

Who do I call about down trees and fallen branches resulting from the storm?

The answer depends upon the type and location of the storm debris.

For Tree Removal

- Adjacent to public roads and streets, contact VDOT, 1-800-FOR-ROAD, TTY 711.
- On County parkland, contact the Fairfax County Park Authority, 703-324-8594, TTY 703-324-3988.
- Posing a hazard to public areas, contact Fairfax County Urban Forestry, 703-324-1770, TTY 703-324-1877.
- On private property, removal is the property owner's responsibility. **Be aware of the risk of chain saw injury during tree removal.** If using a chain saw to clear debris, [make sure that you do so safely](#).



- If you suspect illegal tree removal or land clearing, contact the county's Code Enforcement Branch, 703-324-1937, TTY 703-324-1877.

Debris Removal

- All refuse collection companies operating in Fairfax County must collect brush placed at their customers' curbsides as long as the brush is:
 - In bundles of less than 4 feet in length and less than 50 pounds;
 - No piece is larger than 6 inches in diameter.
- Other types of debris, such as furniture, or metal items should be separated into individual piles for collection. Please use care when placing debris at the curbside and do not block the roadway or sidewalk with large debris. Any brush that is bagged or placed in a container will be collected on your next regularly-scheduled collection day. Leaves must be bagged and placed on the curb as well.
- If you use a [private trash collection service](#) you should contact them directly for information on schedules and special instructions about pick-ups.
- If the County is your trash hauler, separate the materials into source separated piles:
 - Brush, limbs and branches in one pile;
 - Metal items, such as appliances in another pile.
 - Each customer of the County service will receive five no-additional-cost special collections of debris or brush annually. Residents must call 703-802-3322, TTY 711, to schedule the collection. Each special collection is limited to 12 cubic yards per special collection – roughly a pile 5 feet x 6 feet x 10 feet. If the County declares an emergency or disaster from a storm event, these thresholds may be waived.
 - For a charge, the County also offers a [MegaBulk collection service](#) daily for larger amounts of brush or bulk debris.
- For a fee, residents can self-haul trash, debris and recyclables to the [disposal and recycling facilities](#):
[I-66 Transfer Station](#), 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax
[I-95 Landfill](#), 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton.

For more Information contact Fairfax Recycling and Trash at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/recycling/>.

Can you suggest any snow shoveling tips?

It is unavoidable for plows clearing after a big storm to not block the end of your driveway with a certain amount of snow. VDOT is very aware of this problem and directs its contractors to try to minimize it. You can help minimize the amount of snow plowed in front of your driveway by shoveling the snow from your driveway onto the street to the right of your driveway (if facing the street). The plows always push snow along the right side of the road. If you shovel to the left, the plows will push that snow back in front of your driveway as it passes. If your driveway snow is piled to the right of your driveway, your driveway snow will be pushed beyond your driveway.



Be Aware! Cold weather puts a strain on your heart, even without exercise. Be careful when shoveling snow, pushing a car or performing other strenuous tasks. Regardless of your age or physical condition, avoid overexertion in the winter.

Wear loose fitting, lightweight, warm clothing in several layers (the trapped air between the layers insulates). Layers can be removed to avoid perspiration and subsequent chill. Outer garments should be tightly woven, water repellent and hooded. Wear a hat (half of body heat is lost through the top of the head). Cover the mouth with scarves to protect lungs from cold air. Mittens, snug at the wrists, are better than gloves. Gloves allow your fingers to cool much faster than mittens do. Try to stay dry. Do not stay outside for extended periods!

For more information:

Contact VDOT at 1-800-FOR-ROAD (1-800-367-7623, TTY 711) or novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov.

Contact Fairfax County Maintenance & Stormwater Management at 703-877-2800, TTY 711.

Contact Julie Ide in Supervisor Foust's office at 703-356-0551 or dranesville@fairfaxcounty.gov.



Power Outage Status Available from Dominion Virginia Power Using Interactive Outage Viewer

You may be interested to know that, of the localities in Northern Virginia, Fairfax County bore the brunt of the power outages caused by the recent storm. As of 11:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 26, 106,000 homes were without power. Dominion Virginia Power (DVP) restored power to 90% of those homes by the evening of Thursday, January 27. In some cases it took 24 hours to simply assess the damage of an outage because abandoned vehicles blocked access to the problem.

DVP has developed the Interactive Outage Viewer, a user-friendly interactive map for use by Dominion customers. The map provides specific real-time information about outages for your home address. As soon as information becomes available, the outage viewer shows:

- Outage Work Request Number
- Customers Currently Affected
- Estimated Restoration Time and Outage Cause.

Access the Interactive Outage View map on the web at: <http://outagemap.dom.com/DomComFlexOutageViewer/index.html>

Other Important Tips from Dominion Virginia Power

- Call toll-free to report outages: 1-866-DOM-HELP (1-866-366-4357) Also report hazardous or emergency situations by phone.
- Make sure your account information — especially your telephone number — is accurate and up to date. (When you report an outage, Dominion Power uses your phone number to identify your location.) Sign in (or register) to view or update your number, or call DVP at 1-800-222-0401 (Virginia) or 1-800-200-7659 (North Carolina).
- Online: Sign in at <http://dom.com/sign-in.jsp> (or register) to report or inquire about a power outage.
- Please help protect linemen when you drive by them on the roadside making emergency repairs. Move from the lane nearest the workers or slow down until you can safely pass the work site.
- Dominion reminds customers to stay away from downed lines and anything touching them — assume they are energized, and report them by calling 1-866-DOM-HELP (1-866-366-4357).

For more information contact Dominion Virginia Power at 1-866-DOM-HELP (1-866-366-4357). Customer service agents are available 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Announcements

Supervisor Foust to Host Real Estate Tax Relief Workshops



Fairfax County provides real estate tax relief to citizens who are either 65 or older, or permanently and totally disabled, and who meet income and asset eligibility requirements.

Dranesville District residents who believe they may qualify for the tax relief are invited to attend two workshops sponsored by Supervisor John Foust:

Friday, March 18 – 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 22 – 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

McLean Governmental Center
1437 Balls Hill Road
McLean, VA 22101

Personnel from the County's Department of Tax Administration will be present to help eligible residents apply for tax relief. Home visits by County staff are also available by appointment.

Older adults and disabled residents looking for more information about real estate tax relief can call the Department of Tax Administration at 703-222-8234, TTY 703-222-7594, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Additional information is available online at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/taxrelief_home.htm.

For more information or to schedule time for a personal consultation, contact the Dranesville District Supervisor's Office at 703-356-0551, TTY 711.

Old Firehouse Teen Center Sponsoring Spring Break Trips

During the Fairfax County School's Spring Break this year, 5th-8th graders can join the Teen Center on fun-filled trips. The Teen Center will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for each day's participants.



Spring Break Activities

Monday April 18 Shadowland Laser Tag
Tuesday April 19 Bowling @ Bowl America
Wednesday April 20 Massanutten Indoor Waterpark
Thursday April 21 Rock Climbing @ Great Falls Park
Friday April 22 Movie @ Tysons Corner
Monday-Friday April 18-22 Spring Break Trips Full Week

For more information contact the Old Firehouse Teen Center (OFTC):

1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, VA 22101
Telephone: 703-448-8336, TTY: 711
Office: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Friday Night Activities, 7-10 p.m.



Fairfax County residents are welcome to attend Electric Sunday events to recycle televisions, computers, monitors and peripheral electronic devices such as printers, scanners, speakers, keyboards, mice and external drives. Residents may also recycle their unbroken fluorescent tubes and light bulbs at these events. This is a free service for Fairfax County residents.

All events are held from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Feb. 27: I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030
March 27: I-95 Complex, 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton, VA 22079
April 10: I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030
May 22: I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030
June 26: I-95 Complex, 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton, VA 22079
July 24: I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030
August 28: I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030
Sept. 25: I-95 Complex, 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton, VA 22079
Oct. 23: I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030
Nov. 20: I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

For additional information, please contact the Solid Waste Management Program at 703-324-5230, TTY 711.

Fairfax County Document Shredding Events



The Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program is sponsoring secure document shredding events in all Supervisory Districts. Shredding is a free service for Fairfax County residents.

All events are held from 8 a.m. - Noon

March 26 [Oakton Library](#), 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton, VA 22124
April 9 [Mt. Vernon High School](#), 8515 Old Mt. Vernon Road, Alexandria, VA 22309
April 30 [Government Center](#), 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035, I
n conjunction with the county's Earth Day/Arbor Day Event
May 21 [Mason District Governmental Center](#), 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003
June 25 **PROPOSED LOCATION - not yet finalized:** [Langley High School](#), 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA 22101
July 23 [South County Center](#), 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA 22309
August 27 [Braddock Governmental Center](#), 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015
Sept. 24 [Sully Governmental Center](#), 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly, VA 20151
Oct. 22 [North County Human Services Center](#), 1850 Cameron Glen Dr., Suite 600, Reston, VA 20190

The limit per household is five medium-sized packing boxes of paper. This service is intended for shredding documents of a personal or sensitive nature such as tax documents, medical or financial records. Junk mail, newspapers, magazines and other forms of paper can be recycled through your normal recycling collection service.

Please remove all paper from binders and remove all paper clips, binder clips and rubber bands. This event is for paper document shredding only. Information stored on film or computer discs will not be accepted for destruction. Paper documents are shred on location by a private company and then transported to a local recycling center. For additional information, please contact the Solid Waste Management Program at 703-324-5230, TTY 711.

For Fairfax County Trash & Recycling Collection Customers

There are now several ways for County Trash and Recycling customers to get information on your services:

Customer Service Information Line:	703-802-3322 TTY 711	Staffed Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Recycling InfoLine:	703-324-5052	
Household Hazardous Waste InfoLine:	703-324-5068	
Web Site:	www.fairfaxcounty.gov/recycling	
E-mail:	recy-cleguy@fairfaxcounty.gov	
Subscribe to email newsletters/ notifications:	www.fairfaxcounty.gov/email/lists	Includes alerts about suspensions in service during severe weather or other emergencies.
Facilities:	I-66 Transfer Station 4618 West Ox Road Fairfax, VA 703-631-1179, TTY 711	I-95 Landfill Complex 9850 Furnace Road Lorton, VA 703-690-1703, TTY 711

If you have any questions about this service, feel free to use these contacts to reach the Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program.

2011 Native Seedling Sale Underway

The Annual Seedling Sale, sponsored by the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District, is now underway. The sale provides an inexpensive source of seedlings for Fairfax County residents. All seedlings are native to Northern Virginia.



The 2011 sale includes two packages:

The Deer Resistant Shrub and Small Tree package is offered for \$15.95 and includes two each of the following species: Red osier dogwood, Silky dogwood, Serviceberry, spicebush, and Pawpaw.

The Wildlife Friendly Tree Package sells for \$10.95 and is ideal for common areas or larger suburban yards. The tree package includes two each of the following: Black oak, Sycamore, and American hornbeam.

A full, nonrefundable payment must accompany your order by Monday, April 11, 2011, or until supplies run out. You will receive a confirmation receipt and a map to the pickup site. Orders may be picked up on Friday, April 15, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., or Saturday, April 16, 9:00 a.m.-noon.

Trees and shrubs help cleanse water, prevent soil erosion, provide habitat, cool our climate and clean our air. Consider adding native trees and shrubs to your community today!

To download an order form, please visit the Annual Seedling Sale website at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/orderform_2011.pdf. For more information contact Nick Kokales by phone at 703-324-1420 or by email at nicholas.kokales@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Dr. and Mrs. Zbigniew Brzezinski Dedicate Land to Fairfax County

A trail that will run the complete length of the east side of Spring Hill Road from Lewinsville Road to Old Dominion Drive is closer to getting built as a result of land dedicated to Fairfax County by Dr. and Mrs. Zbigniew Brzezinski. The signing of the land transfer documents took place on Thursday, January 27th at an event sponsored by Dranesville Supervisor John Foust at the McLean Government Center. Fairfax County Executive, Tony Griffin and County Attorney, David Bobzien, were also on hand to sign the documents. Dr. and Mrs. Brzezinski dedicated approximately 275 feet of their frontage on Spring Hill Road to the County.

Funds for the trail project were approved by voters under the 2007 transportation bond. In addition to the trail in front of the Brzezinski property, Fairfax County Department of Transportation will extend the trail to the intersection of Spring Hill Road and Old Dominion. Approximately 700 feet of new trail will be constructed, and 200 feet of damaged existing trail will be replaced.

Supervisor Foust spearheaded the negotiations between the County and the Brzezinskis in 2009. The family was primarily concerned about the trail's impact on mature trees. As a result, the County's Urban Forester, Craig Herwig, worked very closely with the arborist hired by the Brzezinskis, and the County agreed to special trail construction techniques.

The County's Land Acquisition Department is working to obtain grading and temporary construction easements needed along various segments of the trail from adjacent landowners. When the remaining easements are obtained, the County will begin construction work. It is hoped that construction will begin this spring or summer.

"I'm very excited about this trail; I know that it has been at the top of the residents' wish list for a number of years. Pedestrian safety is one of my top priorities. This trail will allow walkers safe passage to the recreational facilities at Spring Hill Recreation Center, Spring Hill Elementary School and even to Tysons Corner. This is an important link to the future Metro Silver Line. I am very grateful to Dr. and Mrs. Brzezinski for the land dedication; I also want to thank the many County employees who worked on the negotiations," said Supervisor Foust.

Dr. Brzezinski added: "My family and I have enjoyed living on Spring Hill Road for more than 30 years, even though it has become a busy roadway. Supervisor Foust was steadfast and also persistent in patiently resolving this matter so that this good public improvement can now go forward."

Dr. Brzezinski was United States National Security Advisor to President Jimmy Carter from 1977 to 1981 and is currently Robert E. Os-good Professor of American Foreign Policy at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies.

For more information, contact Jane Edmondson in the office of Supervisor John Foust at (703) 356-0551 (TTY:711) or by email at jane.edmondson@fairfaxcounty.gov.



Dranesville District Supervisor, John Foust (third from left) hosts trail easement signing event with Emilie and Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski . Also in the picture, from left, County Executive Tony Griffin; Jane Edmondson, Dranesville Chief of Staff; Lee Fifer, McGuire Woods; Lindsay Burleigh, Christopher Consultants; Mark Brzezinski; Larry Ichter former Branch Chief, Fairfax County DPWES Planning & Design



2011 Be Fit McLean! Outdoor Adventure & Fitness Expo

Come to this year's Be Fit McLean! Outdoor Adventure & Fitness Expo!

Saturday, February 26, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Ave.
McLean, VA 22101
All ages. Free Admission.

Ever wanted to learn how to kayak or rock climb? From trail-running to geo-caching, sky diving to scuba diving, dog packing to llama trekking, Dutch Oven cooking contest to cooking demos, this expo will have it all! Think you can win the Dutch Oven cooking contest? Give it a try! This is your chance to talk to the experts all under one roof and gain information to help you decide where your adventure will take you! The event will have an adaptive sports component as well, so there's really no reason not to come!

For additional information or exhibitor applications, contact Ryan Brookes at 703-448-8336, or ryan.brookes@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Riverbend Park Expands Programming Into Historic Properties

Located along the Potomac River upstream from Great Falls Park in the northwestern corner of Fairfax County, Riverbend Park has long been home to a rich variety of nature programs. Thousands of people visit the park each year to learn about local flora and fauna from the park's staff of knowledgeable and enthusiastic naturalists. However, traveling to Great Falls for a program or class can sometimes be difficult; so many people haven't experienced these high-quality programs. This year that has changed.

Riverbend Park staff is supervising a slate of new classes held in Park Authority historic properties located throughout Fairfax County. Riverbend's naturalists are conducting the nature programs, but a wide range of new classes are being offered, too. New programs appeal to children, home-school students, and adults, and include nature adventures and hands-on activities and experiments, as well as classes for yoga and self-defense, painting and photography, and Bridge. Not only can participants continue to experience the same great programming they're used to, but they can do it in interesting historic settings located closer to home.

Historic properties hosting new programs include Clark House in Falls Church, Hunter House in Vienna, Dranesville Tavern in Herndon, Forestville School at the Great Falls Grange, and Stone Mansion in Alexandria.

Class details are available online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend/calendar.htm. Find the most convenient historic site and click on it for information. Sign up for a member number to register for classes and receive useful information from the Park Authority.

Historical information for each site can be found online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hprs/. For more information, please call Riverbend Park at 703-759-9018.

Submit Nominations for Human Rights Award

The Fairfax County Human Rights Commission is accepting nominations for its 33rd Annual Human Rights Awards. The deadline for submitting nominations is February 28. The awards recognize individuals, nonprofits and businesses that advanced human rights in Fairfax County last year.

For a nomination form, call 703-324-2953, TTY 703-324-2900. Nominations can be submitted by e-mail to wyvetta.hill@fairfaxcounty.gov; by fax to 703-324-3570; or by mail to the Human Rights Commission, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 318, Fairfax, VA 22035-0093.

Nominees should demonstrate accomplishments to eliminate illegal discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, marital status, age or disability in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodations, private education and credit. These accomplishments can be a single significant action, long-term activities or corporate equality programs of an extensive and outstanding nature.

For more information or a nomination form, contact the Human Rights Commission at 703-324-2953, TTY 703-324-2900, or e-mail wyvetta.hill@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Creating Livable Communities: Aging in Dranesville

As our population ages, we should ensure there are services and opportunities for County residents to contribute to the community and to fully enjoy their senior years. And, with a little help from their neighbors, we can make it possible for many more seniors to stay in their homes, or “age in place.” Supervisor Foust and his staff are working with community groups in Great Falls, Herndon and McLean to explore concepts and ideas to better understand and meet the needs of seniors in the Dranesville District.

The Great Falls Citizens Association has established a task force to work on these issues and will hold a public meeting at the Great Falls Library:

April 19 from 1:30-4:00
Great Falls Library
9830 Georgetown Pike
Great Falls, VA 22066



This meeting will provide Great Falls residents with an opportunity to learn about the possibilities for community organized programs for seniors and to hear from a panel regarding the Aging in Place concepts. Supervisor Foust and representatives of various organizations working to address the needs of seniors will be speaking.

Other events and efforts to address the needs and opportunities for seniors will be scheduled and take place throughout the district.

Individuals, associations, non-profits, businesses and places of worship interested in participating in this effort may contact Jennifer Boysko in Supervisor Foust's Herndon Office by phone at 703-471-5076 or by email at Jennifer.Boysko@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Public Meeting Scheduled for Bicycle Master Plan

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) will hold a public meeting to present the final draft of the Tysons Corner Bicycle Master Plan, which is Phase I of the County Bicycle Master Plan document and maps. The plan reflects recommendations solicited from residents at a previous public meeting. The next step in the process is formal adoption from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Thursday, February 17
7 - 9 p.m.
Joyce Kilmer Middle School
8100 Wolftrap Road, Vienna



The final plan will include detailed recommendations for physical infrastructure (bike paths, bike lanes, bike parking, etc) to support bicycling in Tysons Corner and policies and programs that are needed in order to encourage residents and visitors to travel by bicycle. Following Phase I (the Tysons Corner Bicycle Master Plan), Phase II of the project will establish a County-wide bicycle master plan.

The recently-adopted amendment to the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan for Tysons Corner envisions a mixed-use urban center with a more traditional downtown feel; a place which is friendly to bicyclists and pedestrians; and a place organized around four new Silver Line Metrorail stations. This vision includes a network of connected on-road and off-road bicycle facilities so residents, employees and visitors can travel comfortably and safely by bicycle to destinations within and around Tysons Corner.

For additional information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/bike/county_bike_master_plan.htm or contact Jeff Hermann at 703-877-5600, TTY 711 or bicycleprograms@fairfaxcounty.gov.